

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please **REPLACE** the second paragraph on pg. 1 of the specification, lines 8 – 15, with the following paragraphs:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 10/124,809, filed April 17, 2002 in the name of Walker et al. and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH A RETAILER, which is a continuation-in-part Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/221,457, filed December 28, 1998, for “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A SUBSCRIPTION TO A PRODUCT IN A RETAIL ENVIRONMENT”, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,415,262 on July 02, 2002.

This application is related to co-pending, commonly-assigned, U.S. Patent No. 5,970,470, granted on October 19, 1999 based on U.S. Application No. 08/889,589, for “SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING SUBSCRIPTION PRICE AGREEMENTS INCLUDING COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE GOODS OVER TIME AT AGREED UPON PRICES”, ~~and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/221,457, filed December 28, 1998, for “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A SUBSCRIPTION TO A PRODUCT IN A RETAIL ENVIRONMENT”,~~ The content of both applications Application No. 09/221,457 and Application No. 08/889,589 is incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.